प्रभाग और बीट स्टाफ को भी इन घटनाओं को चैक करने के अनुदेश दिए गए हैं। समय-समय पर विशेष अभियान चलाए जाते हैं और पी.सी.आर. (पुलिस कंट्रोल रूम) के विशेष दस्ते बसों में अचानक जांच करते हैं।

दिल्ली परिवहन निगम द्वारा किए गए उपायों में मुख्यत: यात्रियों को सुरक्षा प्रदान करने के लिए दो पुलिस कर्मियों को नि:शुल्क सफर की अनुमति देना, महिला यात्रियों के लिए "यू" स्पेशल और महिला स्पेशल चलाना, सही समय पर कालेजों और शैक्षिक संस्थानों के निकट बस स्टापों पर वायरलेस संचार प्रणाली से सुसज्जित स्पेशल मोबाइल चैकिंग स्क्वैडों की तैनाती, निकास द्वारा से सिर्फ महिला यात्रियों के प्रवेश की अनुमति देने के अनुदेश जारी करना तथा दिल्ली परिवहन निगम के कर्मियों को बसें नजदीकी थाने तक ले जाने और घटना होने की दशा में पुलिस कंट्रोल रूम को सूचित करने के लिए स्थायी निर्देशों की और बार-बार ध्यान दिलाया जाना शामिल है।

**Doubling of Kayankulan-Trivandrum Rail Line**

*287. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether doubling of the Kayankulan-Trivandrum broad gauge rail line is being considered by Government; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what amount has been earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As the first phase of doubling of Kayankulan-Trivandrum section, doubling between Kayankulan and Quilon (40.84 km) has been proposed in the Budget for 1989-90. The anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 34.11 crore and outlay proposed during 1989-90 is Rs. I crore.

**Declaring the Cochin-Madurai Rameswaram Road as National Highway**

*288. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a proposal from the State Government to declare Cochin-Madurai-Rameswaram road as a National Highway;

(b) if so, what would be its length and what are the salient features of the project; and

(c) what steps have been taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Rameswaram to Madurai having a length of about 167 kms. is already part of National Highway No. 49 and recently the portion from Madurai to Cochin covering a distance of about 280 kms. has also been declared as National Highway.

**Joint Flights by Air India and Aeroflot to the Third-world Countries**

*289. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India and the Soviet Airlines, Aeroflot, propose to jointly, operate flights to the third-world countries;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether it is likely to affect the business of Air India; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In the inter-govern-